

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1251

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Debbie McGaughey upon being named Milan's 2005 Woman of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce and for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Debbie McGaughey, who was recently named Woman of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Milan's Woman of the Year for 2005, Debbie Rollins McGaughey, is a busy artist, business owner, wife, and mother, but she still makes time to reach out with compassion to others; and

WHEREAS, honored at the March 23rd Chamber of Commerce banquet, presenter Liz Ownby described Mrs. McGaughey as a woman who "lives out her deep Christian faith in her daily life, reaching out to people of all ages and walks of life to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs"; and

WHEREAS, letters of recommendation for the award describe Mrs. McGaughey as a woman who "does nothing halfway, makes every project a success, puts service above self, and gives her time and talent to get the job done right"; other letters praise Mrs. McGaughey's unselfish attitude in her volunteer work and her humility; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the demands of business and family, Debbie McGaughey still finds time to lend her talents to such worthy civic organizations as the Junior Auxiliary, YMCA,

local schools, the Milan Endowment for Growth in Academics, Chamber of Commerce, the Mustard Seed, the Milan Healthcare Foundation, and the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Debbie McGaughey is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Kevin, and her two children, Marisa and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McGaughey, a former Miss Milan and Milan High School graduate, became a Red Cross volunteer nine years ago to help victims of tornadoes in West Tennessee; last year, she was instrumental in preparing a Red Cross shelter at Lavinia to house victims of hurricanes along the Gulf Coast; committed to helping those who are most in need, Debbie McGaughey worked numerous hours with very little sleep to ensure that people's needs were met; and

WHEREAS, Debbie McGaughey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Debbie McGaughey for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Debbie Rollins McGaughey for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being named Milan's 2005 Woman of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.